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- 1. DEPT MAY WISH NOTE FINLAND HAS MAINTAINED GATT ART. XII
 JUSTIFICATION FOR IMPORT RESTRICTIONS FOR MANY YEARS AND HAS
 CONSULTED REGULARLY WITH BOP COMMITTEE. LAST YEAR, ANNUAL
 CONSULTATION WAS POSTPONED ONLY AT REQUEST OF IMF, WHICH
 ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTIES IN TIMING OF OWN MISSION TO FINLAND.
 BOP CONSULTATION NOW TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR WEEK
 APRIL 21-25; FINLAND HAS TOLD GATT SECRETARIAT THEY WILL BE READY.
- 2. DO NOT THEREFORE SEE NEED MAKE ISSUE OF NEW FINLAND RESTRICTIONS IN MARCH 24 GATT COUNCIL. HOWEVER, AS PROLIFERATION TRADE RESTRICTIONS WILL BE MUCH IN EVIDENCE IN COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS, BELIEVE IT NECESSARY INCLUDE SOME REFERENCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO FINNISH MEASURES WHEN WE SPEAK ON SUBJECT.

3. NOTE: CONVERSELY, WE SHOULD NOT FEEL MOVED TO RECOGNIZE FINLAND GATT BOP BEHAVIOR AS EXEMPLARY. FINLAND HAS INVOKED GATT ART. XII BOP AUTHORITY CONSISTANTLY SINCE 1960; RECOURSE TO THIS ARTICLE IS SUPPOSED TO BE TEMPORARY WHILE MORE FUNDAMENTAL CORRECTIONS BEING MADE. DALE

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